(d) if so, what are the details of the proposed new import policy in respect of gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate the quantity of gold being smuggled into the country at any given time. However, figures of quantity of gold seized by the Customs authorities during the last three calender years which are given in the table below show an upward trend. This need not necessarily be on account of any increase in the smuggling of gold and could be due to more effective anti-smuggling measures :—

Year	Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.)	(Rs. in crores)
1986	2174	46 66
1987	2255	65.78
1988 (upto 14-11-1988)	4387*	140·33

*Figures is provisional.

(c) and (d) A Committee headed by Shri Rangarajan, Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India had been set up by the Government to examine the Gold Policy in all its aspects and the Gold (Control) Act. This Committee in its report has amongst others suggested modifications in the Gold (Conrol) Act and review of the present ceiling on the aggregate value of gold jwellery that could be brought into India free of duty by passengers.

Insurance of Landless Labourers by LIC

2522. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has formulated a scheme to insure the life of one member each of three crore families of landless labourers in the country during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) what is the number of labourers benefited under the scheme, Statewise, upto the end of September, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir. The Group Insurance Scheme, sponsored by the Central Government on the life of one member, namely, the head of the family, for each of the estimated number of 3 crores families of landless agricultural labourers in the country has been introduced by the Life Insurance Corporation of India with effect from 15th August, 1987.

(b) Landless agricultural labourers in the age group of 18 to 60 years are eligible to become members of the Scheme, which provides life insurance cover of Rs. 1000/- payable in the event of death of the insured member. No premium is payable by the insured member undr the Scheme, and the entire premium cost is borne by Government of India.

(c) The number benefited under the Scheme, statewise, upto 30th September, 1988 is as under:—

S. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of claims settled
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,191
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10
3	Bihar	6
4	Chandigarh	2
5	Goa	88
6	Gujarat	354

1	2	3
7	Haryana . . .	21
8	Jammu & Kashmir .	7
9	Karnataka . . .	399
10	Kerala . . .	545
11	Madhya Pradesh .	242
12	Manipur . . .	4
13	Orissa . . .	279
14	Punjab	200
15	Rajasthan . . .	310
16	Tamil Nadu . . .	3,370
17	Uttar Pradesh . .	414
		7,442

Assistance given by IDBI

2523. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various schemes under which Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) is giving assistance at present; and

(b) what is the total amount of assistance given by the IDBI under those schemes during the last three years: State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) provides financial assistance to industrial units under various schemes of direct and indirect assistance. These include inter-alia, Project inance Scheme, Modernisation Asistance Scheme, Textile Modernisation Scheme Venture Capital Fund Schme, Technology Upgradation Scheme, Refinance Scheme for Industrial Loans for Small and Medium Industries, Scheme for Single Window Assistance to Tiny and Small Units, Bills Rediscounting Scheme Seed Capital Scheme, Scheme of subscription to Shares and Bonds of other financial institutions etc.

(b) Available data furnished by the IDBI relating to the total amount of assistance disbursed under its direct and indirect schemes of assistance, State-wise, during the last three years is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

State	(Jul4-June) 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1 2 3	4	5	6
1. Andhra Pradesh	214.09	263.81	306. 78
2. Arunachal Pradesh	2.25	1.39	0.79
3. Assam	25.41	34.29	29.35
4. Bihar	53.07	66.86	85.81
5. Goa	20 68	23.41	30.39
6. Gujarat	341. 96	392.90	498.06
7. Haryana	74.98	86.86	85.57
8. Himachal Pradesh	45.16	42.27	41.98